

Senate Resolution 1496

By: Senator James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Prodigal Sons and Daughters Ministries, Inc.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Prodigal Sons and Daughters, Inc., (PS&D) is a faith-based organization that  
4 motivates children and young adults to move on from past tragedy, move up to their talented  
5 potential, and move over into a triumphant future; and

6 WHEREAS, PS&D provides services to community and faith-based organizations, family  
7 centers, and public and private schools to help youth and their families positively channel  
8 their anger, loss, and everyday challenges; and

9 WHEREAS, this amazing organization provides social services and a safe environment for  
10 children and families that are free from physical and substance abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, PS&D utilizes the I'm Still Here Grief Assistance Program which offers  
12 activities designed to lift the spirits of young children impacted by loss whether it be at the  
13 hand of violent crime, death, disease, divorce, or separation; and

14 WHEREAS, the organization's Conflict Management Series teaches people to understand  
15 conflict and develop ways to deal with conflict when it occurs through six training sessions  
16 over a four to six week period; and

17 WHEREAS, the Total Victory Mentoring Program helps youth achieve leadership through  
18 employment and education by pairing mentees with mentors for a year-long relationship; and

19 WHEREAS, PS&D's Total Victory Life Skills Series is designed to develop self-esteem,  
20 planning skills, capacity for responsibility, and self-motivation in youth and teen parents  
21 through group activities and workshops; and

22 WHEREAS, the Total Victory Development Center is a PS&D program that provides  
23 affordable housing, intensive services, education, training, and employment to teen parents;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, PS&D will be hosting its inaugural Senior Idol Show on May 22, 2010, at the  
26 Performing Arts Center in Morrow, Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
28 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
29 recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend Prodigal Sons and Daughters Ministries, Inc., on its work in uplifting the lives of  
32 children and teens in Georgia, recognize the amazing work done by this organization on  
33 behalf of families, and extend best wishes for its first annual Senior Idol Show.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Prodigal Sons and Daughters  
36 Ministries, Inc.